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RVP FIBER COMPANY, L.L.C. :  
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Application for a certificate of :  
local and interexchange authority :  
to operate as a reseller or facilities- :  
based carrier of telecommunications :  
services throughout the State of Illinois. :

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO BECOME A  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

GENERAL

1. Applicant's Name(including d/b/a, if any) FEIN # 38-3554183

RVP Fiber Company, L.L.C.  
20 Monroe Ave., N.W., Suite 450  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

2. Authority Requested: (Mark all that apply) X 13-403 Facilities Based Interexchange  
X 13-404 Resale of Local and/or Interexchange  
X 13-405 Facilities Based Local

3. Request for waivers/variances: In applications for local exchange service authority under Sections 13-404 or 13-405, waivers of Part 710 and of Section 735.180 of Part 735 are generally requested. In applications for interexchange service authority under Sections 13-403 and 13-404, waivers of Part 710 and Part 735 are generally requested. Please indicate which waivers Applicant is requesting and explain why Applicant is requesting each waiver/variance.

X Part 710 Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers

X Part 735 Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing, Deposits, Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for Local Exchange Telecommunications Carriers in the State of Illinois

X Section 735.180 Directories

X Other - RVP requests authorization to maintain its books and records at its principal place of business in the State of Michigan pursuant to 83 IL Admin. Code Part 250. Should this application be granted, RVP may require additional regulatory waivers in the future. RVP therefore reserves the right to seek any regulatory waivers which may be required in the future for RVP to compete effectively in the Illinois local exchange and interexchange services market.

- Applicant requests a waiver of 83 Ill. Admin. Code §725.500(o), which requires that call boxes be installed on a local exchange carrier's ("LEC") switch in order to allow a Public Safety Answering Position ("PSAP") employee to field 9-1-1 calls from the switch in the event of a trunking problem between the central office and the PSAP. This requirement is appropriate when applied to incumbent LECs, who have switching equipment installed in virtually every one of their central offices. It would be technically infeasible (and logistically impossible) for a PSAP employee to field calls from Applicant's switch in the event of a trunking problem between Applicant and the tandem through which Applicant will route 9-1-1 calls. Therefore, Applicant requests that it be exempted from complying with this requirement. Although the call box requirement is not appropriately applied to Applicant, Applicant will ensure that it can process all emergency calls with a high degree of reliability.

4. For all applicants requesting local exchange authority under Section 13-404 or Section 13-405, please complete the following:
- (a) the Standard Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix A of this document
  - (b) the 9-1-1 Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix B of this document;
  - (c) the Financial Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix C of this document; and
  - (d) if applicable, the Prepaid Service Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix D of this document.

5. In what area of the state does the Applicant propose to provide service?

**Applicant seeks authority to provide service throughout the State of Illinois.**

6. Please attach a sheet designating contact persons to work with Staff on the following:

- a) issues related to processing this application
- b) consumer issues
- c) customer complaint resolution
- d) technical and service quality issues
- e) "tariff" and pricing issues
- f) 9-1-1 issues
- g) security/law enforcement

Please identify each contact person's (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) mailing address, (iv) telephone number, (v) facsimile number, and (vi) e-mail address.

**See Attachment 1**

7. Please check type of organization?

☐ Individual  
☐ Partnership

☒ Corporation  
Date corporation was formed **May 25, 2000**  
In what state? **Michigan**

☐ Other (Specify)

8. Submit a copy of articles of incorporation and a copy of certificate of authority to transact business in Illinois.

See Exhibit A

9. List jurisdictions in which Applicant is offering service(s).

Applicant is newly formed company that currently has no operations in other states. However, Applicant soon will seek authority to provide telecommunications services in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

10. Has the Applicant, or any principal in Applicant, been denied a Certificate of Service or had its certification revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in this or another name?

\_\_\_\_ YES (Please provide details)    X NO

11. Have there been any complaints or judgments levied against the Applicant in any other jurisdiction?

\_\_\_\_ YES    X NO

If YES, describe fully. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Has Applicant provided service under any other name?

\_\_\_\_ YES    X NO

If YES, please list. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Will the Applicant keep its books and records in Illinois? \_\_\_\_ YES    X NO

If NO, permission pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm Code Part 250 needs to be requested.

**MANAGERIAL**

14. Please attach evidence of the applicant's managerial and technical resources and ability to provide service. This may be in either narrative form, resumes of key personnel, or a combination of these forms.

See Exhibit C

15. List officers of Applicant.

Richard Postma            - Co-Chairman  
Ronald VanderPol       - Co-Chairman  
Barry Raterink           - President  
Donald Offringa          - Treasurer

16. Does any officer of Applicant have an ownership or other interest in any other entity which has provided or is currently providing telecommunications services? \_\_\_\_ YES    X NO

17. How will Applicant bill for its service(s)?

RVP will bill directly for its services.

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18. How does Applicant propose to handle service, billing, and repair complaints?

RVP will handle service, billing and repair complaints through its customer support service at (616) 988-7000, until such time as it establishes a toll-free telephone number.

19. Will personnel be available at Applicant's business office during regular working hours to respond to inquiries about service or billing? X YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

20. What telephone number(s) would a customer use to contact your company?

(616) 988-7000

21. Will Applicant abide by all Federal and State slamming and cramming laws pursuant to Section 13-902 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 258 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act?

X YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

22. Please describe applicant's procedures to prevent slamming and cramming of customers?

Applicant will require written letters of authorization from each of its customers initially.

23. If granted authority to operate as a local exchange carrier, will the applicant abide by the following 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts: 705, 710, 720, 725, 730, 735, 755, 756, 757, 770, and 772?

X YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (If no, please provide an explanation.)

24. Is Applicant aware that it must file tariffs prior to providing service in Illinois?

X YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

## FINANCIAL

25. Please attach evidence of Applicant's financial fitness through the submission of its most current income statement and balance sheet, or other appropriate documentation of applicant's financial resources and ability to provide service.

See Exhibit B – Financial statements have been filed separately under seal pursuant to Section 200.430 of the Illinois Administrative Code.

## TECHNICAL

26. Does Applicant utilize its own equipment and/or facilities? X YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If YES, please list the facilities Applicant intends to utilize. Also include evidence that Applicant possesses the necessary technical resources to deploy and maintain said facilities:

Applicant plans to construct its own advanced fiber network, the location of which will be based upon RVP's analysis of facility cost, suitability, and quality of service. RVP, however, has no permanent plan for constructing facilities in Illinois at this time.

In light of the fact that RVP has no permanent plan for constructing facilities in the state at this time, the Commission's request for a description of proposed construction or extension is currently inapplicable. At such time as RVP creates a plan for constructing its own facilities in Illinois in connection with the provision of telecommunication services, RVP would provide the Commission with a complete description of the proposed facilities prior to construction, and would comply with the Commission's requirements and all other relevant regulations.

27. Please describe the nature of service to be provided (e.g., operator services, internet, debit cards, long distance service, data services, local service, prepaid local service).

RVP plans to provide capacity service on its fiber network to local business customers and other local exchange carriers.

28. Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems?

X YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

29. If Applicant intends to provide payphone service, will the equipment utilized comply with FCC requirements and Finding (9) of the Commission Order entered in Docket No. 84-0442 on June 11, 1986, including, but not limited to: (a) touch dialing; (b) access to 9-1-1 and "0" operator dialing without use of a coin; (c) rules governing use of payphones by disabled persons; (d) ability to complete local and long-distance calls; (e) unlimited duration for local calls; and (f) a message explaining the telephone's general operations, dialing instructions for emergency assistance, payphone owner's name, method of reporting service problems and method of receiving credit for faulty calls? X YES  
\_\_\_\_\_ NO

Respectfully submitted,

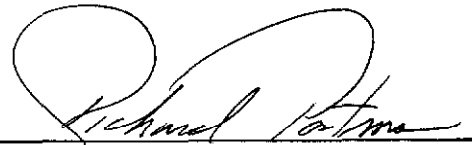


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**VERIFICATION**

I Richard Postma, being duly sworn, depose and state that I am an authorized representative of RVP Fiber Company, L.L.C. ("RVP"), the Applicant in the subject proceeding; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of RVP; that I have read the foregoing application and exhibits and know the content thereof; that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Richard Postma  
Co-Chairman  
RVP Fiber Company, L.L.C.

State of Michigan  
County of Kent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of March, 2001.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLOTTE L. TURNER  
Notary Public, Kent County, MI  
My Commission Expires Dec 5, 2003

## **EXHIBITS**

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| Exhibit A | Certificate of Incorporation and Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Illinois |
| Exhibit B | Financial Qualifications - <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>   |
| Exhibit C | Managerial and Technical Qualifications  |
| Exhibit D | Testimony of Richard Postma<br>on Behalf of RVP Fiber Company, L.L.C.                      |